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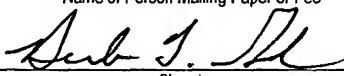
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The following document is cited in the specification of the application:


- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2003-067972 (NEC CORP), published March 7, 2003.

Applicants also wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Maeda et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,303,221, issued April 12, 1994;
- (3) Komma et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,446,565, issued August 29, 1995;
- (4) Katayama, U.S. Patent No. 5,696,750, issued December 9, 1997;
- (5) Komma et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,815,293, issued September 29, 1998; and
- (6) Katayama, U.S. Patent No. 6,201,780 B1, issued March 13, 2001.

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